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1. INDOCHINA

ACCORDING "NEWSWEEK", PRES SAID AGREED TO "OPERATION TALON VISE," PLAN TO EVACUATE UP TO 200,000 S VIETS WHOSE LIVES WOULD BE ENDANGERED BY COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER. PLAN MAY REQUIRE UP TO 6 DIVS TO CARRY OUT (SUN). SUNDAY SEN JACKSON ON ABC/TV "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" ASKED NEAR-TOTAL EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM VN; ADDED IF NOT "REAL RISK OPERATION," WOULD SUPPORT EVACUATION OF 200,000 VIETS WHO SUPPORTED US (AP, SUN; PHINQ; ISAACS, WP). JACKSON ALSO SAID BELIEVES NIXON SECRETLY PROMISED SVN US MIGHT RESUME
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LARGE-SCALE BOMBING IF NVN RENEWED AGGRESSION (UPI, GLOBE);

STATED WOULD DEMAND AGREEMENTS WITH THIEU BE PRODUCED WHEN SECDEF APPEARS BEFORE SASC 4/15 (ISAACS).

SEN JAVITS OPINES THAT PRES WOULD NOT NEED CONGRESSIONAL OK TO USE "SMALL NUMBER" OF TROOPS IN SVN TO EVACUATE AMERICANS, THOUGH CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE TROOPS COULD EVACUATE ESTIMATED 200,000 VIETS (PHINQ; AP, SUN). ON CBS/TV "FACE THE NATION" SUNDAY, JAVITS SAID DID NOT BELIEVE CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE PRES'

REQUEST FOR NEARLY 1 BILLION DOLS IN AID FOR SVN BY END OF WEEK. GROUP OF HOUSE FRESHMEN PLANS INTRODUCE "SENSE OF CONGRESS" RESOLUTION URGING PRES EVACUATE AMERICANS WITHIN NEXT 7 DAYS AND SO HEAD OFF NEED FOR TROOPS (NYDN). JAVITS ALSO SAID FELT US NO LONGER HAD REASON KEEP SO MANY AMERICANS IN SVN (ISAACS). CONGRESS BEGINS DELIBERATING CRUCIAL DECISIONS ON INDOCHINA THIS WEEK; BOTH MANSFIELD, ALBERT PREDICT REJECTION MIL AID FOR SVNOR CAMBODIA. MANSFIELD CALLS FOR SAIGON EVACUATION, SIMILAR TO PP, WITHOUT DELAY BEFORE IT WOULD REQUIRE USE OF US TROOPS AT RISK OF FIGHTING (AP, SUN).

US ADOPTION AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS SOME VIET ORPHANS AIRLIFTED TO US ARE CHILDREN OF POLITICAL, MIL OFFICERS. HOW THEY GOT ABOARD NOT CLEAR, BUT BRIBERY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED (UPI, NYDN). AID OFFICIAL SALVO DENIES "OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE" OF SITUATION, BUT DISCLOSES 60-70 VIETS BEING HELD AT TRAVIS AFB AS "UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS" (PHINQ; UPI, NYT). WP'S JOFFEE ESTIMATES MANY AS 10-PCT OF CHILDREN WHO ARRIVED MAY BE NON-ORPHANS. LISTS PROBLEMS OF AIRLIFT, INCLUDING SENDING ORPHANS TO WRONG ADOPTIVE HOMES, DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING SOME. NOTES MANY NON-ORPHANS WHO ARRIVED HAD PARENTS OR OTHER KIN IN US, AND THAT SOME OLDER CHILDREN CORROBORATE STORY OF BRIBES PAID.

LA COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICIALS ANGRILY BLAMED EACH OTHER FOR CONFUSION THAT DELAYED TREATMENT OF SICK CHILDREN. ONE INFANT DIED EN ROUTE (AP, NYT). NYDN-S FIELDS RECOUNTS TALE OF YOUNG PRACTICAL NURSE WHO SURVIVED C-5A ORPHAN FLIGHT CRASH. WP'S GILDEA DESCRIBES LIVES OF 2 VIET UNCLASSIFIED

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ORPHANS WHO HAVE FOUND NEW HOME NEAR DC. SUN'S SEIDEN IN SAIGON TELLS OF CHILDREN WHO DID NOT MAKE IT TO US VIA "BABYLIFT," CALLS THEM ORPHANS FOR KEEPS.

TIME MAG SAYS AMB MARTIN STATED GVN DESERVED BETTER SUPPORT FROM FORD ADMIN, THAT "EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS FALLEN FLAT ON ITS FACE PRESENTING THE TRUTH," AND US HAS RENEGED "FOR ALL SORTS OF SPECIOUS REASONS" ON REPLACING SVN ARMS LOSSES.

AMB ADDED HE REGRETS NOT SPEAKING OUT MORE OPENLY, "TO THE DISTASTE OF" DOS. ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES MARTIN THAT US HAS MADE NO EFFORT GET THIEU RESIGN (AP, SUN).

SVN OFFICIALS TRIED SHIP 73 MILLION DOLS IN GOLD- APPARENTLY BELONGING TO THIEU, LON NOL - TO SWITZERLAND BUT SWISSAIR AFFILIATE REFUSED TRANSPORT GOLD FROM SAIGON, ACCORDING TIME (REUTER, SUN). AIRLINE OFFICIALS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED GOLD MIGHT BE PART OF SVN, CAMBODIA OFFICIAL RESERVES (NYT).

COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES IN DUBLIN MEETING DECIDE COORDINATE HUMANITARIAN AID TO VN, AND SEND TO BOTH SVN AND COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED AREAS. ONE FONMIN SAID EEC IN AGREEMENT FIGHTING WILL NOT END UNTIL THIEU GONE (AP NYT, SUN). CSM'S OKA AT PARIS REPORTS BVPOLITE BUT INTENSE" ARGUMENT DEVELOPING BETWEEN US AND FRANCE OVER POLICYTOWARD VN. FRENCH BELIEVE THIEU SHOULD GIVE WAY TO SOMEONE CAPABLE OF FORMING COALITION WITH PRG. WASHINGTON OFFICIALLY SUPPORTS THIEU; BUT, UNOFFICIALLY, INFORMED SOURCES SAY DOS DEEPLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF NON-COMMUNIST SAIGON REGIME. OKA SAYS WASHINGTON REPORTEDLY GETTING ADVICE FROM AMB MARTIN THAT LOSS OF NORTHERN 2/3 OF COUNTRY COULD PROVE" SALUTORY SHOCK"TO GVN AND DETERMINED EFFORT WITH US AID COULD KEEP SUBSTANTIAL NON-COMMUNIST TOEHOLD IN SVN.

SEIDEN DESCRIBES EASY LIFE OF SAIGON'S RICH; SAYS WAR IS DISTANT FOR THEM.

HANOI CALLS ON US TO EVACUATE NOW, SAYS IT COULD BE DONE EASILY WITHOUT DEPLOYMENT MARINES (AFP, NYT). CSM'S HALVERSON SAYS DOD PONDERING 2 BASIC COURSES UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR SVN EVACUATION: RAPID ACTION SIMILAR TO PP, THOUGH LOGISTICS WOULD BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF LARGER NUMBER TO MOVE; SECOND, IF CONGRESS APPROVES, WOULD INVOLVE BRINGING OUT MANY VIETS AS POSSIBLE, RELYING ON CARGO VESSELS, SOME PLANES. WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON DISCUSSES DEPARTURE OF US AND FOREIGN COMMUNITIES THAT CREATES GROWING BITTERNESS AND FEAR AMONG VIETS BEING LEFT BEHIND. QUOTES RELIABLE SOURCES THAT EMBASSY WILL START WHITTILING DOWN SIZE OF STAFF WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. NOTES UNPOPULJRITH OF ORPHAN AIRLIFT AMONG VIETS.

GLOBE'S STORIN IN SAIGON (4/11) STATES COALITION OF CIVILIAN AND MIL OPPONENTS OF THIEU HAS TOLD HANOI IT WILL ACCEPT PEACEFUL POLITICAL SOLUTION, INCLUDING

POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNIST VN, IF DIFFERENCES SETTLED
PEACEFULLY AFTER C-F. QUOTES REV THANH ON SUBJECT.

ARVN HOLDS XUAN LOC AGAINST CONCENTRATED NVA PUSH (AP
NYT, NYDN, WP; PHINQ). AFTER 4 DAYS OF FIGHTING, GVN
TROOPS APPEAR TO HAVE TURNED BACK MAJOR NVA ATTEMPT
CUT ROUTE 4 AND ISOLATE SAIGON FROM DELTA (AP, NYT).

FIELD REPORTS INDICATE ROUTE 4 CUT NEAR CAN THO (PHINQ).
WITH SAIGON AT STAKE, THIEU REPORTEDLY SENT HUNDREDS
OF ARMORED VEHICLES TO XUAN LOC BATTLE. CAN THO SHELLS
(AP NYDN, SUN). BUTTERFIELD (NYT) AT SAIGON NOTES
XUAN LOC BATTLE CONSIDERED CRITICAL BECAUSE COMMUNIST
BREAKTHROUGH THERE WOULD LEAVE LITTLE BETWEEN THEM,
BIEN HOA. VC PROCLAIMED "GENERAL UPRISING" AT CAN THO
WITH LITTLE APPARENT IMMEDIATE RESULT. LAT'S JAMESON
AT SAIGON (WP)QUOTES ARVN OFFICER THAT ARMY FIGHTS
BECAUSE IT HAS NO PLACE TO FLEE, SO SAIGON IS "FINAL
ARENA" FOR STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON REPORTS KHMERS EXPRESS SENSE
OF US BETRAYAL AS LEFT WITH DWINDLING SUPPLIES AND LITTLE
HOPE OF NEGOTIATED END TO WAR. LONG BORET ANNOUNCED
"SUPREME COMMISSION" HEADED BY SAK SUTSAKHAN HAS TAKEN
POWER TO STRENGTHEN POSITION OF GKR WITH AIM OF PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT. EVACUATION OF US OFFICIALS AND PRES' FAILURE
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URGE CONGRESS APPROVE MORE MIL AID DEALT SEVERE BLOWS
TO THOSE PP OFFICIALS WHO HAD LINGERING HOPES US COULD
SOMEHOW PREVENT FALL OF CAPITAL. IN PEKING, SIHANOUK
SAID HAD REJECTED US REQUEST HE RETURN TO POWER AND
ACHIEVE C-F. PP (GLOBE) REPORTS US OFFICIALS WHO
EVACUATED EMBASSY LEFT IN BITTER, FRUSTRATED MOOD. QUOTES
AMB DEAN, FEELING USG AND GKR HAD LONG IGNORED HIS ADVICE,
THAT "IF THEY HAD LISTENED TO ME, THIS EVACUATION WOULD
NOT HAVE HAPPENED."

DOD SPOKESMAN SAID US HAS BEGUN AIRDROP OF PP SUPPLIES
(NYT), TO BE HANDLED BY BIRD AIR C-130S (AP, SUN).
PP FALL NEAR AS REBELS BATTLE TO OUTSKIRTS (UPI,
NYDN). REBELS ENTER WESTERN SUBURBS AS KAF PLANE
DROPS 2 BOMBS ON MIL COMMAND HQ (GLOBE). INSURGENTS
MOVE CLOSER AIRPORT, BUT PP STREETS REMAIN CALM.
MANY THINK REBELS PLAYING WAITING GAME (NYT). MASSIVE
SHELLING ATTACK HITS PP AS GKR IMPOSES 24-HOUR CURFEW
(PHINQ). AIR CAMBODGE PLANE FROM BANGKOK LANDS AT
POCHENTONG DESPITE SHELLING, IN POSSIBLE LAST SCHEDULED
FLIGHT FROM OUTSIDE WORLD (AFP, NYT).

LONG BORET TELLS NEWSMEN HE REFUSED AMB DEAN'S SUGGESTION THAT HE INVITE SIHANOUK BACK TO CAMBODIA IN BID TO END WAR. SIHANOUK SAID HAD RECEIVED AND REJECTED US INVITATION TO RETURN TO PP TO FORM NEW GOVT; ADDED INVITATION WAS IN NOTE FROM BUSH. ABANDONED US EMBASSY COMPOUND LOOKED LIKE GHOST TOWN. KHMER GUARD OUTSIDESAID CAMBODIAN SERVANTS LEFT BEHIND HAD LOOTED AMB'S RESIDENCE AFTER EVACUATION (PHINQ).

NYT'S SCHANBERG AT PP QUOTES GKR THAT IT WILL REFUSE GIVE UP DESPITE GRAVE SITUATION, BUT SEEKS C-F AND NEGOTIATIONS. SAYS SAUKHAM KHOY WAS DISCREDITED WHEN HE FAVORED US SUGGESTION THAT SIHANOUK BE ASKED FORM NEW GOVT, AND GKR REJECTED IT, AND SO LEFT WITH DEAN. REVIEWS EVENTS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING US EVACUATION, INCLUDING INVITATION TO LEAVE THAT WAS REJECTED BY ALL GKR "KEY PEOPLE."

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ROCKEFELLER OFF TO REPRESENT US AT CKS FUNERAL, AFTER GOLDWATER CAUTIONED ADMIN THAT SENDING BUTZ TO LEAD DELEGATION WOULD BE SLIGHT TO MAJOR ALLY (WP). ACCORDING CANNON (WP), SEN. FONG ALSO HAD OBJECTED TO BUTZ. ANNA CHENNAULT WARMLY APPROVED VP'S SUBSTITUTION ASX"CERTAINLY THE RIGHT DECISION TO MAKE."

WP CARRIES CCK PROFILE BY MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WHYMANT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NCNA, JENMIN JIH PAO CARRY PRC APPEAL FOR US TO "STOP ALL INVOLVEMENT" IN SVN AND ALL INTERFERENCE IN VN INTERNAL AFFAIRS (NYT).

TEN FORMER NATIONALIST CHINESE OFFICERS, RELEASED BY PRC UNDER SPECIAL AMNESTY LAST MONTH, LEFT PEKING SUNDAY ON WAY TO TAIWAN, ACCORDING NCNA; CARRYING ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL PERMITS FOR RETURN TO PRC IF THEY WISH (NYT). SUN'S WU SEES PEKING TESTING POST-CKS ADMIN AS TO WHETHER IT WILL ACCEPT THESE OFFICERS AND LATER LET THEM RETURN TO MAINLAND.

ABOUT 1000 FOREIGN OVERSEAS CHINESE BUSINESSMEN HAVE BOARDED TRAINS IN HK FOR CANTON TO ATTEND SPUNG FAIR OPENING TUESDAY (AFP, WP).

ESTIMATED 3 MILLION DOLS OF FIREWORKS TO BE USED IN US BICENTENNIAL WERE IMPORTED FROM PRC (JONES, CSM).

3. JAPAN

LDP WINS 14 OF 17 GOVERNORSHIPS IN SUNDAY ELECTION, ALL IN RURAL AREAS (WP; UPI, PHINQ). NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO NOTES LEFTISTS WINNING URBAN VOTE, WITH INCUMBENTS MINOBE HOLDING SLIM LEAD IN TOKYO, KURODA APPEARING TO HAVE WON OSAKA, AND NEW COMER NAGASU LEADING IN KANAGAWA (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

FULBRIGHT ARRIVED TOKYO SUNDAY FOR WEEK VISIT; WILL RECEIVE ORDER OF RISING SUN, JAPAN FOUNDATION AWARD
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(REUTER, NYT).

WSJ (HOUSTON) SAYS ZAPATA CONTRACTED WITH SASEBO HEAVY INDUSTRY TO CONVERT ORE CARRIER TO DEEP-WATER DRILLING SHIP, AT COST ABOUT 35 MILLION DOLS.

WSJ (TOKYO) SAYS JAPAN'S EX-IM BANK NEGOTIATING TERMS OF 223 MILLION DOL LOAN FINANCE SALE OF FOUR AMMONIA PLANTS TO SOVIET. MITSUI OFFICIALS SAY SALE LINKED TO 1972 OCCIDENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING PHOSPHORIC ACID TO SOVIET IN RETURN FOR AMMONIA.

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO NOTES DOCKWORKERS OVER WEEKEND DECIDED TO CLOSE ALL MAJOR PORTS IN 48-HOUR STRIKE APRIL 21, 72-HOUR STRIKE APRIL 24 TO BACK UP WAGE DEMANDS. ALSO CITES MITI REPORT FRIDAY THAT CORPORATE INVESTMENT EXPECTED TO CLIMB 15 PERCENT IN 1975, TO 25.7 BILLION DOLS.

MIYAZAWA ON RETURN FROM WASHINGTON SAYS GOJ TO GO AHEAD WITH 16 MILLION DOL COMMODITY AID FOR HANOI, DESPITE POSSIBLE US OBJECTION (AP, SUN).

4. THAILAND

RTG SPOKESMAN SAYS WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE GKR UNLESS PP FALLS AND "NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED." MEANTIME, AMB DEAN, 275 OTHERS ARRIVE UTAPAO, MARKING END OF AIR-EVAC FROM PP (AP, SUN).

5. PHILIPPINES

GOP SATURDAY ANNOUNCED REASSESSMENT OF SECURITY TIES WITH US DUE TO "APPARENT NEW PERCEPTION" OF COMMITMENTS EVIDENT IN SEA. SOURCES SAY GOP DISTURBED BY VIEW EMERGING THAT VIKING'S COMMITMENTS ONLY STATEMENT OF INTENT, NOT BINDING

ON PEOPLE, CONGRESS OR USG. ELSEWHERE, MARCOS, SEEING
CEAUSESCU OFF AT AIRPORT, TOLD PRESS RECENT VN EVENTS
MAY HAVE SHATTERED ASIA BALANCE OF POWER (UPI, WP).

MOSLEM REBELS STEP UP ATTACKS AGAINST GOP TROOPS IN
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MINDANAO, KILL SIX CIVILIANS, WOUND SEVERAL OTHERS,
ACCORDING MIL SOURCES.

6. MALAYSIA

RAZAK TOLD PRESS SATURDAY "INTERFERENCE BY SUPER-POWERS"

PROLONGED VN WAR; THUS PROPOSED SEA NEUTRAL ZONE. ALSO
SAYS TWO-WEEK-OLD COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN MALAYSIA
PERHAPS INSPIRED BY VN, BUT OTHERWISE NO CONNECTION
(UPI,WP).

7. GENERAL

WSJ HARTLEY IN KL REVIEWS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BEING
WORKED OUT BY RUBBER PRODUCERS THAT MAY LEAD TO
UNPRECEDENTED PRICE STABILITY, HIGHER RUBBER PRICES
FOR CONSUMERS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

NYT URGES SAIGON MOVE NOW FOR IMMEDIATE CONVENING OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD AS
LAST POSSIBLE HOPE OF AVOIDING TOTAL POLITICAL
COLLAPSE. IN SECOND EDIT, NYT HITS "SHIFTINESS" OF
NIXON ADMIN IN GIVING THIEU ASSURANCES ON WHICH US
COULD NOT DELIVER. NYT'S LEWIS OUTLINES "OPTIMIST'S"
IMAGINED VERSION OF SPEECH PRES MIGHT HAVE MADE APR 10,
INCLUDING US HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE POLITICAL SOLUTION (ALL THREE IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

KNIGHT'S MCCARTNEY VIEWS PRES' "STUNNING" 722 MILLION
DOLS REQUEST AS PART OF ACT DESIGNED, ESSENTIALLY, TO
PREVENT IMMEDIATE SVN COLLAPSE (GLOBE APR 11).

BRADEN IN CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS HAK, FOLLOWING INDOCHINA
POLICY FAILURE, HAS DETERMINED US HEREAFTER WILL PURSUE
"ABRASIVE" FOREIGN POLICY; ARGUES VN FAILURE WAS DEFEAT
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FOR HAK, NOT REFLECTION ON US STRENGTH (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). CDN (APR 5-6) SENSES NO US DISPOSITION TOWARDS ISOLATIONISM GROWING OUT OF VN SITUATION, ONLY BELATED REALIZATION EVEN SUPERPOWER HAS LIMITS.

ACCORDING EVANS/NOVAK (WP), US-SOVIET DETENTE SERVES MOSCOW'S ENDS SO WELL THAT MOSCOW IS MOVING TO INSURE THAT US DEBACLE IN VN DOES NOT IMPERIL US-SOVIET RELATIONS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S MIDDLETON SEES ARVN'S XUAN LOC STAND REPRESENTING VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER EVENTS IN NORTHERN PROVINCES, CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR'S GERMOND (APR 11) NOTES WH EXPLANATION THAT BASIS OF PRES' APR 10 SPEECH WAS DESIRE TO EFFECT SAFE EVACUATION AMCITS FROM SVN; BUT UNEXPLAINED "WAS WHY FORD FELT OBLIGED TO SPEND HIS CREDIBILITY AS RECKLESSLY AS HE DID BY RAISING THE PRICE" TO 722 MILLION DOLS (APR 11). WILLS (SUN) MAINTAINS GVN LEADERS "FAILED IN VIRTUE BECAUSE THEY WERE PUPPETS--AND WE PUPPET MASTERS" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S CANHAM COUNSELS AGAINST MAKING HAK SACRIFICIAL VICTIM OVER INDOCHINA, ME POLICY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ROCHE (BOST H-A, APR 8), WITNESSING RECENT PBS-PRODUCED PROGRAM FEATURING AMB MARTIN, REP MCCLOSKEY, FOUND THEM MORE THAN SEA POLICY OPPONENTS -- THEY WERE PROTAGONISTS FOR TWO GENERATIONS, BOTH DEDICATED, TALENTED, PATRIOTIC, BUT STEERING BY DIFFERENT STARS, WITH DIFFERENT PICTURES OF WORLD IN THEIR MINDS. MCCLOSKEY VOICED ISOLATION OF NORMAN THOMAS, BURTON WHEELER; MARTIN STOOD FOR CONTINUING US POSTWAR ROLE AS BARRIER AGAINST TOTALITARIAN EXPANSION, WHICH ROCHE SHARES. WILLY-NILLY, NATION, SOONER OR LATER, MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM.

TO SUN, FATE OF KHMER PEOPLE IS CRIME, NOT JUST MISTAKE, BECAUSE BY 1970, NIXON, HAK HAD SEEN WHAT US WEIGHT DID TO VN AND KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY SPREAD WAR TO CAMBODIA (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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ZORZA (WP) WARNS LINKING EVACUATION OF AMERICANS AND ANTI-COMMUNIST S VIETS MAY ENDANGER FIRST OBJECTIVE

WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING SECOND; HANOI MAY TAKE AMERICANS HOSTAGES TO ENFORCE FINAL SETTLEMENT, GAIN ECONOMIC AID PROMISED IN 1973 PEACE PACKAGE, OR SEEK RETURN OF ORPHANS CLAIMS "ABDUCTED" TO US (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/14).

CSM STATES MAY BE NO DIGNIFIED WAY FOR US EXTRICATE SELF FROM VN; CONGRESS SHOULD APPROPRIATE SOME PORTION OF MIL AID ASKED BY PRES, BUT MAJOR ORDER OF DAY IS LAUNCH HUMANITARIAN EFFORT THROUGH INTLCHANNELS (USIA WIRELESS FILE 4/14).

PHILA BULLETIN (4/9) ADVISES US IN COMPASSION FOR AIRLIFT ORPHANS NOT OVERLOOK ADDITIONAL THOUSANDS OF ORPHANS, MILLIONS LESS NOTICED REFUGEES IN VN.ASKS US FASHION AND FINANCE COORDINATED,EFFECTIVE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PLAN, WITHICRC, UN PARTICIPATION, DESPITE "SHORT- IGHTED" VIEW OF WALDHEIM.

CDN (4/5) BELIEVES PRES SHIFTED EMPHASIS TO HUMANITARIAN AID IN ANNOUNCING ORPHAN AIRLIFT, BUT CONTINUED HOLD OUT PUBLICLY FOR MORE MIL AID."OTHER NATIONS HAVE MUCH TO DO ALSO" AND LITTLE TIME DO IT.

ROWAN (WSTAR 4/11) RECALLS WHAT WAR HAS COST US -- ASKS WHAT COUNTRY HAS RIGHT SAY WD HOULD HAVE DONE MORE WHEN OTHERS DID "SHAMEFULLY LITTLE."

CHICAGO SUN TIMES' GREENE (IN LAT 4/11) FINDS OPERATION BABYLIFT, HAILED AS NOBLE GESTURE, ACTUALLY "APPALLING CONTINUATION" OF US ARROGANCE THAT MADE VN TRAGEDY FOR US FROM DAY WE ARRIVED.

ALSO IN LAT, ANDREW GREELEY (RC PRIEST, HEAD OF CENTER FOR STUDY AMERICAN PLURALISM, CHICAGO) DECLARES AMERICANS SO FOULED UP WE FEEL GUILTY ABOUT EXPIATING GUILT; AGREES ORPHAN AIRLIFT FORM OF EXPIATION, AND WHILE INADEQUATE FOR SUFFERING CAUSED BY WELL- UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENTIONED MEDDLING, IS ABOUT ALL WE CAN DO NOW.

9. GENERAL

LAT'S ELEGANT IN HK REVIEWS NEW GAME OF "STABILITY" IN SEA AS STATESMEN ALL WAY FROM THAILAND TO SINGAPORE AND AUSTRALIA ASSESS NEW SITUATION, SEEK NEW POLICIES TO COPE WITH UTTERLY NEW PROBLEMS. SEES NEW FORCES -- EVANGELICAL NVIETS, MORE CAUTIOUS CHINESE COMMUNISTS, OLD-FASHIONED 19TH-CENTURY GREAT POWER IMPERIALIST

RUSSIANS, SELF-DECLARED "ECONOMIC ANIMALS" OF JAPAN --
BEING DRAWN INTO POWER VACUUM CREATED BY US DEBACLE
IN VN. KISSINGER

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